Minutes
National Communication Association
Executive Committee of the Legislative Assembly
New Orleans, LA
November 20, 2024

Participating in the meeting:
Executive Committee Members: Marnel Niles Goins, President; Jeanetta Sims, First Vice President; Tina Harris, Second Vice President; Walid Afifi, Immediate Past President; Jimmie Manning, Finance Committee Chair/Treasurer; Candice Thomas-Maddox, Finance Committee Director; Kenneth Lachlan, Finance Committee Director; James Cherney, IDEA Council Chair; Laurie Lewis, Mentorship and Leadership Council Chair; John Sloop, Publications Council Chair; Shaunak Sastry, Research Council Chair; Katherine Thweatt, Teaching and Learning Council Chair; Justin Danowski, Executive Director/Secretary (non-voting).

1. Call to Order

President Niles Goins called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Eastern.

2. Announcements
    a. Niles Going read the Land Acknowledgement
        i. NCA would like to acknowledge that the land on which we gather for the 110th Annual Convention in New Orleans and Louisiana is the ancestral and unceded territory of the Choctaw, Houma, Chitimacha, Tunica, Biloxi, and Bulbancha people, past and present. NCA acknowledges that it has often gathered upon unceded lands and that those gatherings manifested the exclusions and erasures of many Indigenous peoples. We acknowledge the grave harm that colonialism brought to these lands, in particular, the erasure of both Indigenous and African identities via slavery and racist laws that segregated all peoples into binary classifications of “white” and “black.” This acknowledgment demonstrates our commitment to beginning the process of working to dismantle the ongoing legacies of settler colonialism.
    b. Niles Goins thanked the outgoing members of the Executive Committee for their service to NCA.
        i. Walid Afifi, Immediate Past President
        ii. Jimmie Manning, Finance Committee Chair/Treasurer
        iii. James Cherney, IDEA Council Chair
3. Business Items
    a. Consent Agenda
        i. *A motion was made to approve the consent agenda with the following meeting minutes:*
            1. *August 2-3, 2024*
            2. *October 9, 2024*
        ii. *Seconded. Motion carried 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.*
4. Informational Items
    a. Danowski provided an update on National Office operations.
    b. Bylaws Change – LA Composition / Proxies
        i. Danowski provided an update on the proposal. Discussion ensued.

    ii. The National Office will continue to work on the proposal and re-submit to the EC in 2025.
    iii. Publications Council Chair Sloop provided an update on the EC letter draft to the membership regarding Taylor & Francis / Microsoft AI. Discussion ensued.
    iv. Sloop will take EC feedback and continue working with the National Office to finalize a letter to members.
  c. Ethics Committee Report
    i. Danowski provided an update on the Ethics Committee proposal introduced at the August Meeting. Discussion ensued.
      1. The National Office will continue to work on the proposal and re-submit to the EC in 2025.
  d. Presidential Address Inquiry Committee
    i. Niles Goins provided an update on EC obligations regarding the findings of the PAIC. Discussion ensued.
5. Discussion Items
  a. Convention / Legislative Assembly Preparation
    i. Niles Goins reviewed talking points for EC member interactions at Interest Group business meetings. Discussion ensued.
    ii. Niles Goins reviewed the LA agenda. Discussion ensued.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Danowski
Executive Director